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FOR ROBERT HUNTER FROM STEVE COLLINS:

QUOTE:

EXCERPTS FROM SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S ADDRESS TO THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE JUNE 24, 1973:

QUOTE: IT WAS NO EASY TASK, INDEED, TO MAKE A TURN FROM  
MUTUAL DISTRUST TO DETENTE, NORMALIZATION AND MUTUALLY  
ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION.

...A REASONABLE AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE APPROACH TO  
MANY PROBLEMS, WHICH PREVIOUSLY SEEMED INSOLUABLE, CAN IN  
FACT BE FOUND.

WE, AS WELL AS MANY AMERICANS, REALIZE ONLY TOO WELL THAT  
RENUNCIATION OF COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC,  
TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS IS TANTAMOUNT TO BOTH  
SIDES TURNING DOWN SUBSTANTIAL EXTRA BENEFITS AND  
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ADVANTAGES.

WE ARE STILL ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF A LONG ROAD. CONSTANT CARE IS NEEDED TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP THE NEW SHOOTS OF GOOD RELATIONSHIPS. TIRELESS EFFORTS ARE NEEDED TO DEFINE THE MOST ESSENTIAL AND MOST SUITABLE FORMS OF COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS. PATIENCE IS NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND THE VARIOUS SPECIFIC FEATURES OF THE OTHER SIDE AND TO LEARN TO DO BUSINESS WITH EACH OTHER.

THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE WORLD DEPENDS TO NO SMALL EXTENT ON THE CLIMATE PREVAILING IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. NEITHER ECONOMIC OR MILITARY MIGHT NOR INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE GIVE OUR COUNTRIES ANY SPECIAL PRIVILEGES, BUT THEY DO INVEST THEM WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DESTINIES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE AND FOR PREVENTING WAR.

THE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE PERHAPS SECOND TO NONE WHEN IT COMES TO KNOWING WHAT WAR MEANS. IN WORLD WAR II, WE WON

A VICTORY OF WORLD WIDE SIGNIFICANCE. BUT IN THAT WAR, OVER 20 MILLION SOVIET CITIZENS DIED, 70,000 OF OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES WERE DEVASTATED, AND ONE-THIRD OF OUR NATIONAL WEALTH WAS DESTROYED.

FOR US PEACE IS THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT TO WHICH ALL MEM SHOULD STRIVE IF THEY WANT TO MAKE THEIR LIFE A WORTHY ONE. END QUOTE.

THE MURMANSKI RUN

CONVOYS OF SUPPLIES BEGAN IN 1941 WITH PRIMARILY BRITISH PARTICIPATION, BUT ONCE THE AMERICANS ENTERED THE WAR, THE MAJORITY OF THE MERCHANT SHIPS INVOLVED, AS WELL AS THE PROTECTIVE ESCORTS WERE AMERICAN. DELIVERIES WERE MADE TO THE CITIES OF MURMANSKI, ARCHANGEL AS WELL AS TO THE KOLA INLET. SUBSTANTIVE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT CAME DURING THE SUMMER OF 1942. THE OPERATION WAS AN EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS ONE AS THE GERMANS OPPOSED IT WITH SUBMARINES, BOMBERS, DESTROYERS AND A BATTLESHIP. THE DAMAGES THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE ABLE TO INFLICT, AS WELL AS THOSE INFLICTED BY THE TRECHEROUS WEATHER WERE SO GREAT THAT AT ONE POINT, ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR CARGOES DISPATCHED WERE NOT REACHING THE SOVIET UNION.

THESE CONVOYS CARRIED VARIOUS SUPPLIES BUT PRIMARILY MUNITIONS AND FOOD. IN THE OPINION OF MANY MILITARY EXPERTS, THEY WERE DECISIVE IN ENABLING THE RUSSIANS TO

SURVIVE THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE AND IN TIME TO TURN THE  
TABLES ON THAT FRONT.

VISIT OF ROBERT KENNEDY TO THE SOVIET UNION - 1955

HE VISITED SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA, THE TIEN SHAN MOUNTAINS OF  
SOUTHWEST RUSSIA AS WELL AS SIBERIA, MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD.  
MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY RELATES THE FOLLOWING STORY WHICH SHE  
THINKS THE SENATOR MIGHT LIKE TO USE. WHILE IN SIBERIA,  
ROBERT KENNEDY CONTRACTED A VIRUS OF SOME KIND AND LAY ILL  
FOR THREE NIGHTS WITH A TEMPERATURE OF 106 DEGREES. DUR-  
ING ALL THOSE THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS, HE WAS ATTENDED  
BY A RUSSIAN NURSE WHO ADMINISTERED TO HIM THE FIRST  
SUPPLY OF PENICILLIN EVER USED IN THE AREA AND IN MRS.  
KENNEDY'S WORDS QUOTE SHE UNDOUBTEDLY SAVED HIS LIFE  
UNQUOTE.

THE TRIP WAS TAKEN AT THE INVITATION OF JUSTICE WILLIAM  
O. DOUGLAS AND AMONG THE STOPS WERE PETROPAVLOSK ON THE  
SIBERIAN RAILROAD AND BUKHARA IN SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA.

QUOTES FROM DEAD SOULS BY NIKOLAI GOGOL:

IS IT NOT THUS, LIKE THE BOLD TROIKA WHICH CANNOT BE  
OVERTAKEN THAT THOU ART DASHING ALONG , RUSSIA? THE  
ROAD SMOKES BENEATH THEE, THE BRIDGES THUNDER, ALL IS  
LEFT, AND WILL BE LEFT, BEHIND.

...RUSSIA, WITHER ART THOU DASHING? THE BELLS MERGE  
IN A WONDEROUS SOUND; THE SHATTERED AIR BECOMES A TEMPEST,  
AND EMITS THUNDERS; SHE FLIES PAST EVERYTHING ON EARTH;  
AND OTHER PEOPLES AND KINGDOMS GAZE ASKANCE AS THEY STAND  
ASIDE AND MAKE WAY FOR HER.

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